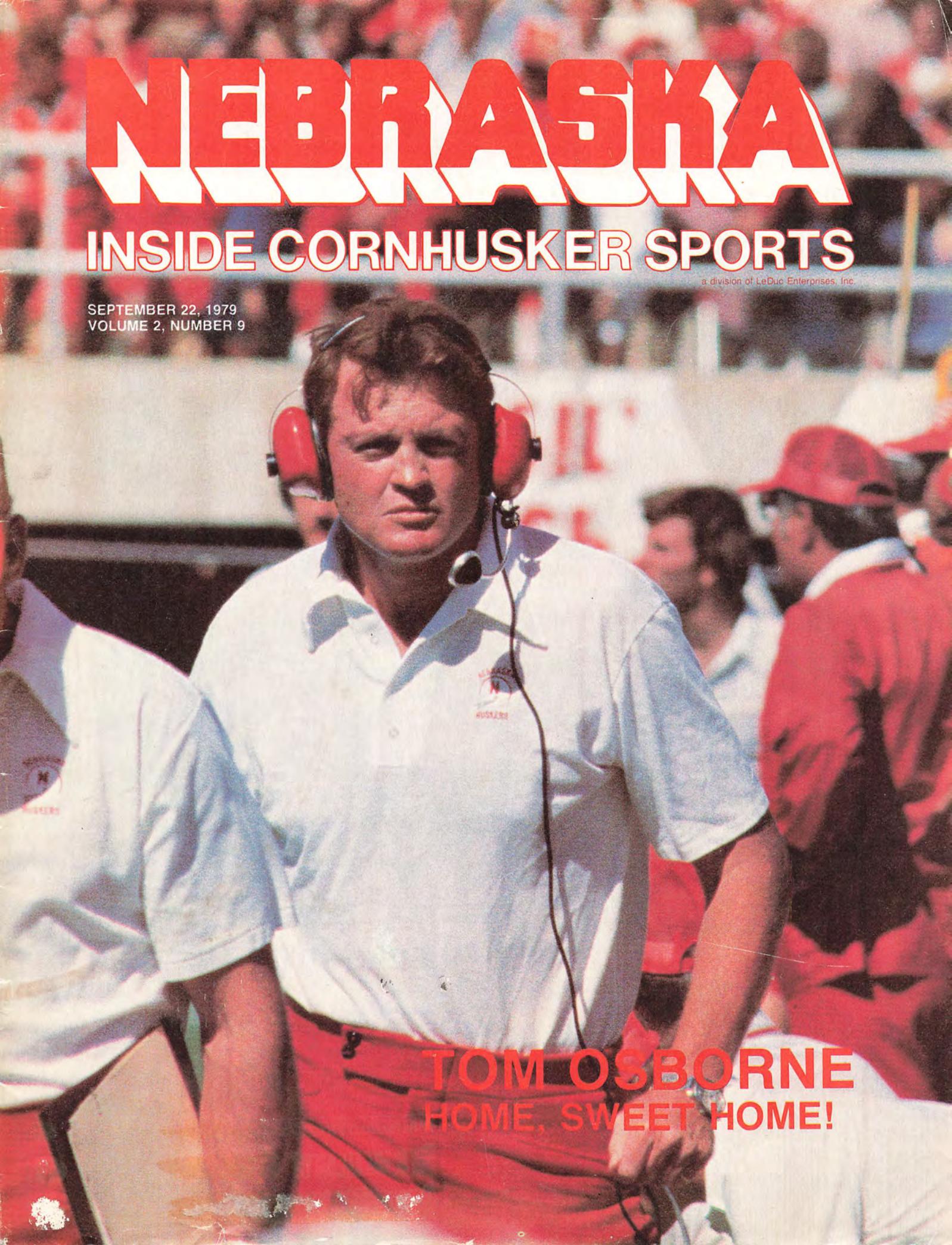


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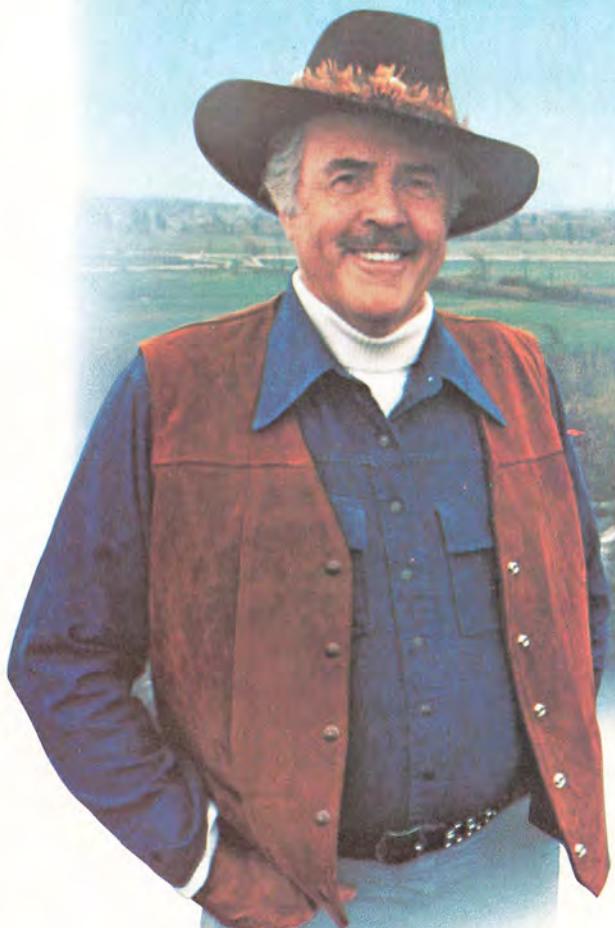
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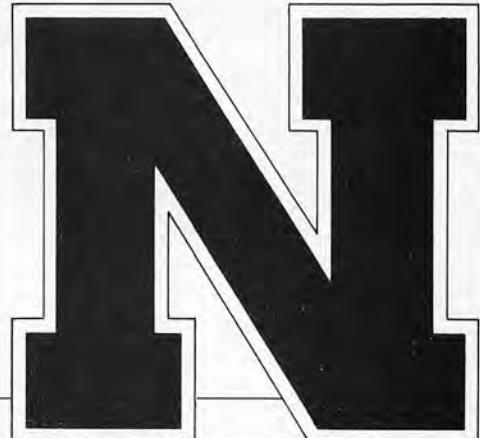
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UTAH STATE 35-14 VICTIM

The Mania Grows

by Charlie Smith

Maybe the summer was too long and too hot. Or maybe optimism is at an all-time high. But Nebraska football mania was running at fever pitch last Saturday. And a down had not yet even been played.

They lined the sidewalks outside Memorial Stadium. They stood outside the hotel lobbies in downtown Lincoln.

"Hey, got any extra tickets?"

That was the cry of the morning. And it was a morning so gorgeous that it begged to be captured and held for ransom. The temperature was a crisp 43 degrees at 8 a.m. By the 1:30 p.m. kickoff, the ther-

mometer had climbed to 75. And there wasn't a cloud in the sky.

University of Nebraska football, if anything, is more in demand than ever. There simply is no satiating the appetites of the Cornhuskers' faithful. The NU athletic department could have sold 125,000 tickets for Saturday's opening game.

And was the visitor Oklahoma? Or Southern California? Or Alabama?

No, it was Utah State. And the same delirium would have held true if it had been Central Missouri State.

There were several hundred persons

milling outside the stadium only one hour before freshman Kevin Seibel toed the first kickoff of the season off the fingertips of Utah State's Stacy Colbert and out of the north end zone. And all those red-clad persons wanted was a chance to be inside. The purchase price for a football ticket is \$9.25. But no telling how much some of those sidewalk stompers would have paid.

As it turned out, 75,953 paid to be part of the University of Nebraska's 100th straight sellout. It was a red sea of humanity from start to finish. And, if not totally ecstatic, they left the arena in a happy frame of mind. The 1979 Huskers began with a 35-14 triumph.

Oh, there were moments of anxiety. Most of those were perpetuated by a fifth-year Utah State quarterback named Eric Hippel. He completed 18 of 28 passes for 219 yards before retiring with 11:09 remaining. That was after L. C. Cole had spun him around on fourth-and-one from the Nebraska one-yard line. Hippel's pass fell incomplete — and Utah State's last-gasp chance was thwarted.

"That was it," coach Tom Osborne said. "That goal-line stand was the big defensive series for us. If they had scored there, they would have been within seven points again . . . than an on-side kick and we could have been back in the soup again."

As it was, Nebraska avoided the spoon. But not without some uneasy moments. And Osborne's halftime mood could not have been described as pleasant, either.

At the time, the score was 14-14 and absolutely nothing had been decided. Except, of course, that Hippel could pass at will on the Cornhuskers' confused defense.

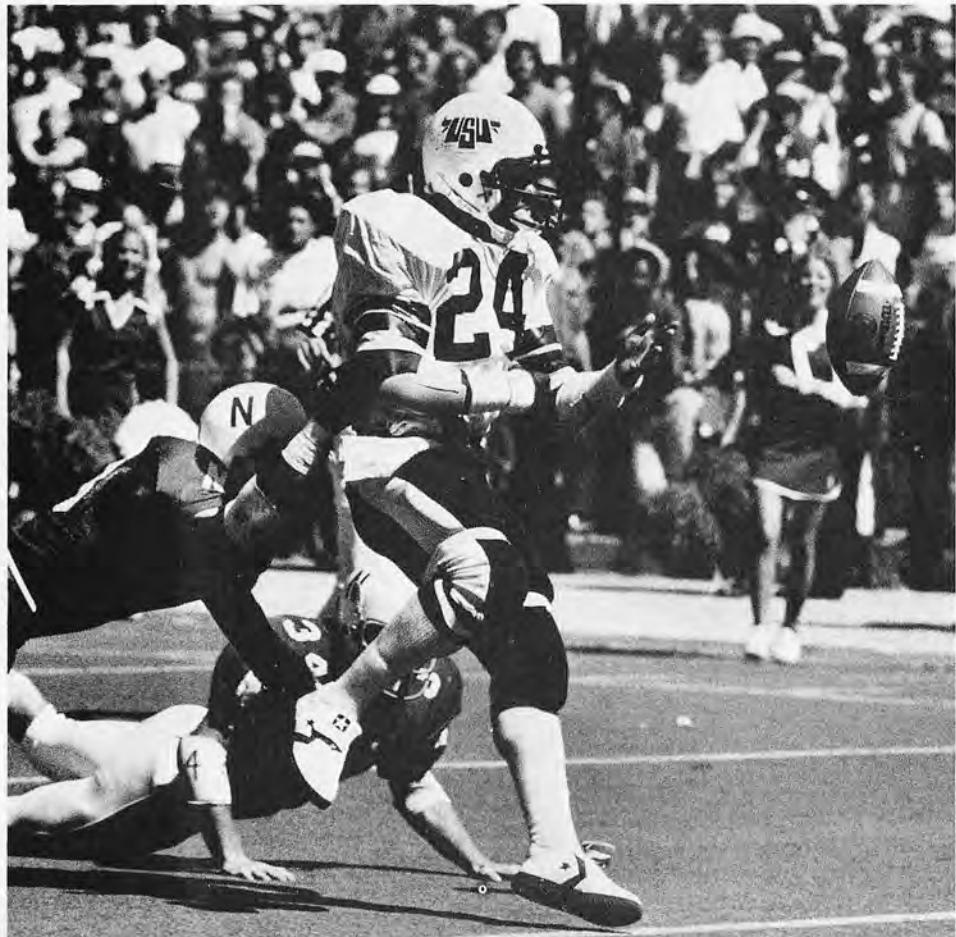
Rick Parros galloped 19 yards for Utah



I. M. Hipp, left, races for several of his 167 yards past the outstretched grasp of a Utah State defender. Eric Hippel (10), at right, finds himself wrapped up by Kerry Weinmaster (51) just before Rod Horn (55) reaches him. This was a key sack late in the second quarter that stopped an Aggie drive and forced an errant field-goal try.

Ted Kirk photos





State's first touchdown after Dave Liegl dropped Guy McClure's first punt of the afternoon. But Steve Steinke missed the first extra-point kick of his career, the football hitting the left upright. Steinke had connected on 31 straight before the miss.

No matter. Nebraska rolled back on a 2-yard scoring run by I. M. Hipp and a 43-yard pass and run from Jeff Quinn to Junior Miller.

But Hippie was equal to all that and more. He stunned the Memorial Stadium legions with a 42-yard touchdown pass to Ken Thompson. Andy Means was racing stride for stride with Brown, but Hippie's perfect toss connected at the goal line. And his two-point lob to Ken Brown tied the score.

"I got on 'em a little bit at halftime," understated Osborne. "I just didn't think we should be tied at 14. I'm still not happy. We can't play like that and beat a lot of people."

The Nebraska defense, considered the strongest part of the team by pre-season estimates, reached Hippie only twice in the first half. Once was near the end of the first quarter when he was crushed by Dan Pensick and Derrie Nelson on a third-down play. And then Kerry Weinmaster toppled him for a 10-yard loss that forced a 55-yard field-goal miss by Steinke with 19 seconds left in the first half.

Nebraska came out humming in the second half and slashed 72 yards in 14 plays to take a never-to-be-relinquished 21-14 lead. Hipp, who suffered a bruised right hand in the second quarter, carried eight times during that drive for 56 yards. For the day, he had 167 yards on 26 carries and scored three touchdowns.

The 200-pound senior from Chapin, South Carolina, was holding his hand gingerly after the game. There was a gash on the top of the right hand.

"I don't think it's too bad, just bruised," he said. "I think it happened in the second quarter on a shoulder pad."

Despite the injury, though, Hipp continued to play.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, he scored on a three-yard burst with another pitch from Quinn. That capped an 83-yard drive and put the Huskers in command at 28-14.

And that's when Hippie and the Utags mounted their final threat. From the 20, the Aggies swept downfield. An 18-yard pass to Thompson gave the Pacific Coast Ath-

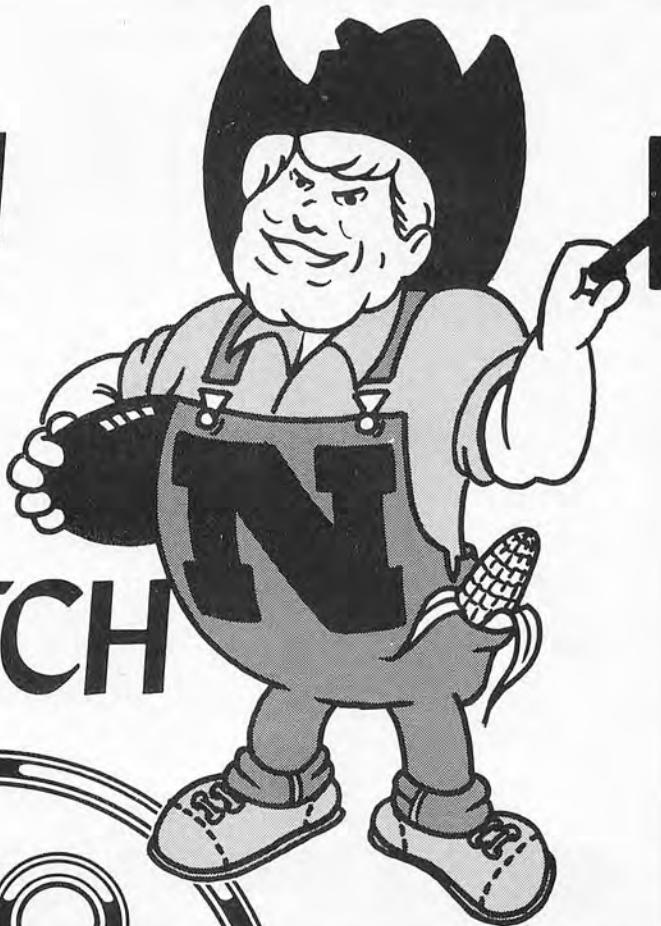
It's ballet time, above, as first Nebraska's Bill Barnett (right), then Derrie Nelson (92) lunge for a tipped Hippie toss. The Aggies' Rick Parros (24), below, juggles and finally loses another pass.

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letic Association (PCAA) team a first down at the Cornhuskers' three.

But then, for whatever reason, Utah State abandoned its passing game. First, Parros burrowed for one yard. Then Greg Martin was stopped cold by linebacker Brent Williams and others. On third down, Hippel kept around the right side and, once again, Williams smothered him after a one-yard gain.

So, the Aggies faced fourth-and-one. Hippel tried a quick look-in, but Cole had the 6-2, 199-pound senior in his grasp and whirled him around.

Hippel's pass fell harmlessly to the turf on the wide side of the field.

"Eric had no feeling in his arm on that play," coach Bruce Snyder said later. "But he ran it anyway. He really has a fighting heart."

Hippel's right shoulder was worked on after that series. His jersey off, he sat on the bench, eager for another chance.

It was an opportunity that never came.

Nebraska pounded from the one all the way to Utah State's 11-yard line before Jarvis Redwine (10 carries for 91 yards) fumbled. By then, only 5:35 remained and

Utah State's hopes for an upset were long gone.

Tim Wurth later finished the scoring with a one-yard dash around the right side only 1:48 from the end.

The Cornhuskers finished the opener with a number of positive signs. First and foremost was the play of a first-time starter Jeff Quinn at quarterback. A 204-pound junior from Ord, Nebraska, Quinn showed the fans what he was all about on Nebraska's first offensive play of the season. He kept on an 11-yard bolt around the right side.

Osborne had been saying all along Quinn would be the best running quarterback in his years on the Nebraska scene. But he always tempered such remarks by reminding everyone that Tom Sorley, David Humm, Vince Ferragamo, Jerry Tagge, etc., weren't exactly speedsters who struck fear in the earphones of opposing coaches.

Well, Quinn is.

He let it all out in Game One, carrying 19 times for 112 yards. He is the first quarterback in Nebraska history to gain 100 yards rushing since records like that were started

in 1963.

"I was a little nervous," said Quinn. "But that first play helped quite a bit. I know I've got a long way to go, though."

Truth is, Utah State never effectively stopped the Nebraska offense. But a couple of fumbles and a few penalties did.

At the start of Nebraska's fourth touchdown drive, Quinn unloaded a 57-yard scoring toss to Tim Smith. That was called back, however, because of a holding penalty against Dan Steiner.

Utah State repaid the debt seconds later, though, when defensive tackle Chris Albrittain was unable to get off the field with Smith trying to punt. The Aggies were nailed with a 15-yard penalty for having 12 men on the field and that maintained the scoring drive.

Nebraska did not pass as much as Osborne's teams have in the past. Quinn completed 6 of 12 for 96 yards. The coach said, though, that the running game was moving the football with such ease, he didn't see much reason to risk passing.

"We were getting so many seven- and eight-yard gains running on first down," said Osborne. "You hate to pass when



Hippel, who enjoyed a sensational passing day before his shoulder turned numb, suffers his first sacking on this play as Derrie Nelson (92) and Dan Pensick close in for the sandwiching. Nebraska's Russell Gary (9) and Oudious Lee (65) are several strides away.

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At last! We're into the football season, the most exciting time of the year for **NEBRASKA** magazine.

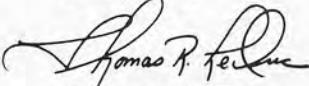
This is the first of 11 straight weekly issues you will receive during the football season. We are extremely proud of what we are doing and excited about what is in store for Nebraska football this fall.

In addition, we would like to introduce Charlie Smith as the new editor of **NEBRASKA** magazine. He has enjoyed a long and close relationship with Big Eight Conference athletics from the Kansas City area through his sports-writing career with United Press International, the Wichita *Eagle & Beacon* and the Topeka *Capital-Journal*.

In addition to editing the magazine, Charlie will be covering all the Cornhuskers' games and writing the weekly reports as well as various features throughout the fall.

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you're doing that. We'll be throwing a lot more, I know that."

The victory was Nebraska's first in an opener since 1975.

Much of the first-game comment, however, surrounded Hippie. He was, without doubt, a far better quarterback than anyone in Lincoln, Nebraska, expected. If his true talent had been known prior to the game, not nearly so many points would have been bandied about in friendly—and unfriendly—wagering.

"It was just hard to get a good pass rush on him," said Osborne. "They did a good job of keeping us off balance."

"And for the type of quarterback he is, he's about as good as we've seen. I'd compare him with a guy like Pisarkiewicz (Steve, of Missouri) in our league. He's got a lot of poise . . . real good."

"I do think that without a player like him, they probably would have gotten swamped."

As it was, 35-14 was a well-earned beginning. And Utah State's players had nothing to hang their heads about en route back to Logan.

About the only unhappy persons must have been those unsuccessful souls outside Memorial Stadium who failed in their searches for tickets. Some of them must have driven a long way. But if they think it was difficult latching onto a Utah State ticket, just wait. Penn State will be in town September 29. ★



Husker fullback Andra Franklin (39) steps away from one defender while cornerback Ken Ray Harris (8) watches from the rear. Franklin gained 52 yards on nine carries.

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The Coaches Say:

TOM OSBORNE, Nebraska

About the early closeness:

"If we'd beaten 'em 56-0, we wouldn't have gotten nearly as much out of the game. Offense, obviously, is the strongest part of their football team. And I thought it was a pretty good performance by Utah State."

About Jeff Quinn:

"For his first game, I thought it was a commendable performance. The only really bad play he made was that interception he threw just before the end of the first half."

About the improvement of NU's defense in the second half:

"We did a better job on defense, that's true, but a lot of it was simply that our of-

fense had the ball. We did a good job of controlling the football in the third quarter."

About Iowa:

"I'm sure they'll be a team like what we saw today — throw the football."

BRUCE SNYDER, Utah State

About Nebraska's ever-increasing dominance:

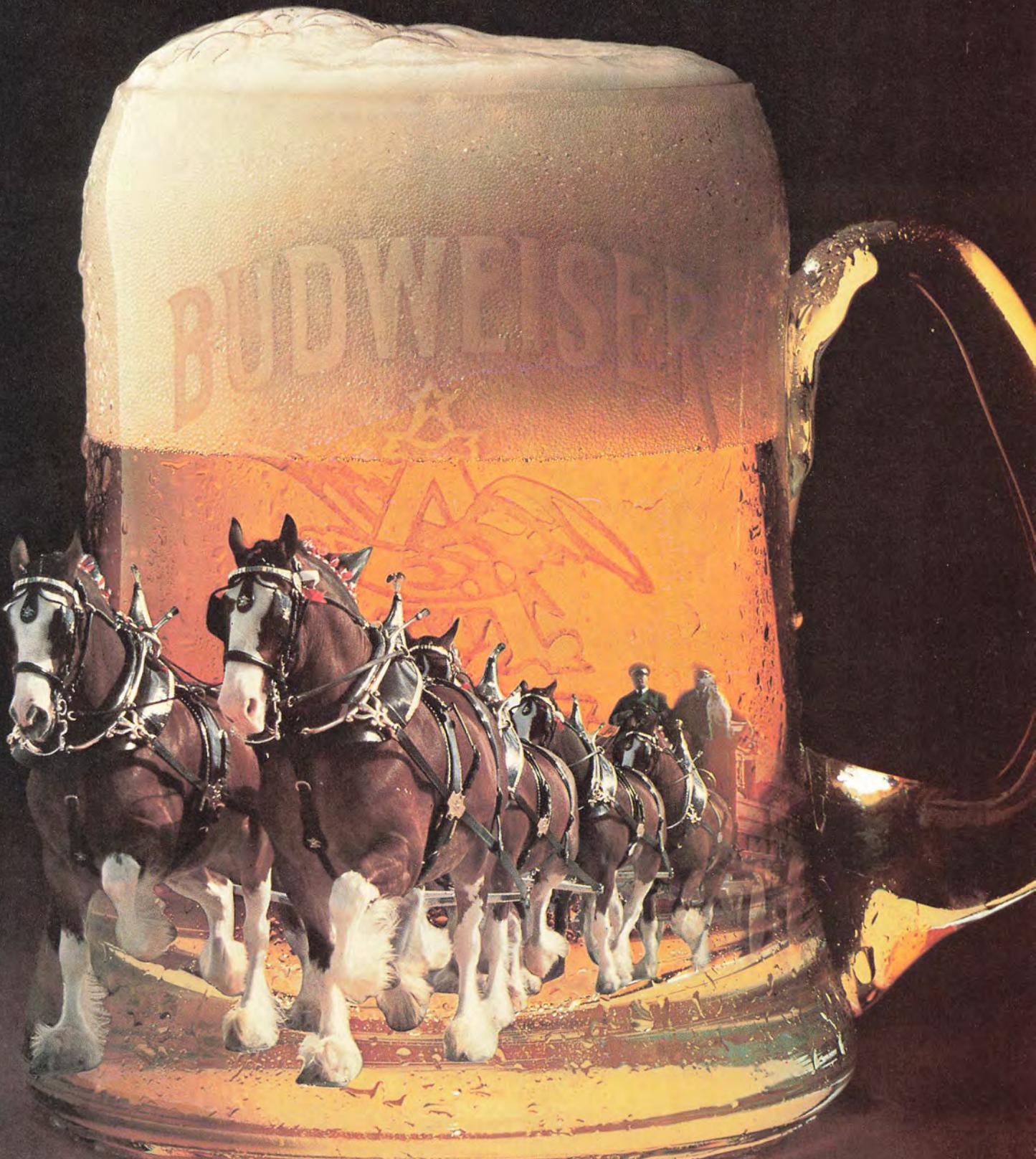
"Nebraska wore us down in the fourth quarter. Their quality and their depth really showed up in the fourth quarter."

About Utah State's 0-1-1 start:

"This game doesn't tell me anything about our team. What will tell me something is how we play next week (Utah State plays its home opener against Colorado State this Saturday)."



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TOM OSBORNE

Quick Recuperation: ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEVER

by Charlie Smith

There may be no place like Nebraska, but Tom Osborne decided to verify the validity of that claim. He did. And his feet still are firmly planted in Nebraska soil.

The three-day hullabaloo occurred last December 3, 4 and 5. Colorado athletic director Eddie Crowder had fired Bill Mallory the previous Monday. Crowder immediately compiled a list of coaches he thought might fill his needs at Colorado. The list: Bud Wilkinson, Tom Osborne, Chuck Fairbanks.

In Kansas City for the Big Eight winter meetings near the end of that hectic week, Crowder quickly ascertained that Wilkinson was unavailable. In the meantime, Osborne had contacted Dean Brittenham in the CU athletic department to see how the wind was blowing.

Osborne told Brittenham, a track coach who used to be at Nebraska, that Colorado was "one of the two or three jobs I might be interested in because of the area." Osborne is an avid fisherman and professes a great love for the mountain climate.

Crowder contacted Osborne from Kansas City.

"I told Eddie I was happy and wasn't particularly looking. It was then that Eddie flew into Lincoln and asked me to come out and visit. I told him I didn't want to get started on this thing unless I was really interested."

Tom and his wife, Nancy, flew to Boulder on Monday.

"I'd been out there with the team before, but I really hadn't seen the facilities from the Colorado viewpoint."

Osborne had been hoping to undergo the interview and make a decision in secrecy. But the word leaked in Boulder — and his visit was heralded in the local media.

While in Boulder, Osborne met with Crowder and university president Roland C. Rautenstrauss. Several influential alumni,

no doubt, also were involved in discussions.

"The thing I tried to do from the very start," says Osborne, "was not base my decision on finances. I wanted to base it on where I'd have the best chance to have the best football program."

Tom and Nancy flew back to Lincoln the same Monday.

"I remember telling her on the airplane coming back that we were staying," recalls the 42-year-old Osborne. "When we hit the runway in Lincoln, I knew I was staying."

On Tuesday morning Osborne called Crowder and told him he was staying at Nebraska.

"I think I told Eddie even before I talked to Bob Devaney," says Osborne. "There were no counter-offers or anything like that. The whole deal from start to finish lasted about three days. It was in the middle of recruiting and I sure didn't want to do anything to hurt our players."

It's hard to imagine Osborne — or anyone else, for that matter — wanting to leave the Nebraska situation. First, he grew up in the state as a high school and college star in Hastings and in the Cornhuskers' program as an assistant under Devaney for 11 years. And in the six years since he assumed the head-coaching reins, his 55-16-2 record places him in the meringue among the nation's coaches.

But then everyone at times feels stale and somewhat unappreciated. And that might have been the case with Osborne.

His Nebraska salary and Colorado's offer were very similar. And the radio-television package — far less at Nebraska than the reported \$110,000 Fairbanks eventually received at Colorado — were comparable.

But what has become obvious to Osborne is the difficulty he and his staff have recruiting against such perennial national powers as Michigan, Ohio State, Alabama, Texas, Southern California, et al.

The 1.5 million population in the State of Nebraska just doesn't measure up to the more populous areas.

"I suppose we're beginning to receive a

little more realization among our fans about our problems," says Osborne. "It's just not as easy for us as it is at places like Ohio State and Texas, where there are a couple of hundred great athletes within 100 miles."

The deal Colorado offered Osborne was for five years. That's plenty of time for a guy to establish a start toward building a program.

But in Osborne's case, he would be coming from a situation that already was built. And certainly there is no indication the football program at Nebraska is going to deteriorate noticeably in the next five years.

"Still," says Tom, "Nancy and I were very interested. But there were a lot of things about the Colorado situation that we were concerned about because those things already were solid here at Nebraska."

Osborne's fancy for Colorado certainly caught many Nebraska supporters unaware. They figured, probably because of his Nebraska background, he was secured in the Cornhusker fold for the duration.

There was quite a bit of behind-the-back snickering that maybe old Tom was just dickered for a raise.

Osborne resents that implication.

"I just wouldn't do something that wasn't sincere," he says. "When I talked to Crowder the first time, I told him I would not go out to look unless there was at least a 50-50 chance that I would take the job."

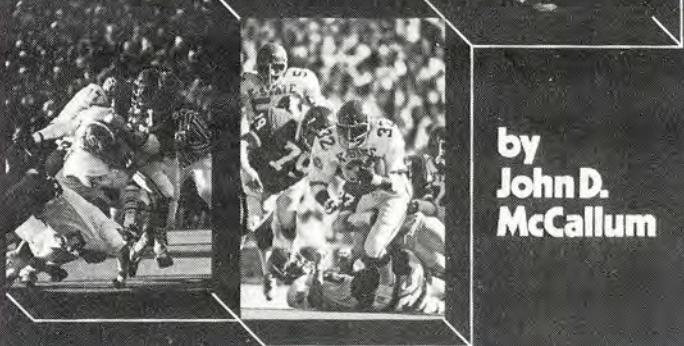
"I get along with the people here in Nebraska pretty well. It's just that here it doesn't take long before a good year is not an outstanding year. It's just human nature that when you've won a lot, you want to win more."

The national championship that has eluded Osborne seemed perched comfortably on his shoulders late last November. That was the week after the pulsating 17-14 victory over Oklahoma. He only had to whip Missouri in Lincoln and win the Orange Bowl to be the toast of the nation's football coaches. All the rewards

Tom Osborne, the picture of composure on the sidelines, confers with some members of the offensive unit, including redshirt wingback Anthony Steels (33), after receiving information from upstairs via the headset.

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were within his grasp.

But Missouri spoiled the feast 35-31 on a day when James Wilder personified his name. And Osborne had to gulp a second dose of poison on that same bleak Saturday when the Orange Bowl unfolded the dramatic re-pairing with Oklahoma.

"The thing I remember," says Tom, his voice still edged with bitterness, "is the way the conversation went. They said, 'We'd like your approval to invite Oklahoma as your opponent.' I said, 'Do I have a choice?' And they said, 'No, we've already invited them.' "

So, all the accolades from what should have been Osborne's best team were drowned in the dredges of season-ending losses to Missouri and, yes, Oklahoma.

And it was between those two games the red-haired coach suddenly thought Boulder might be an attractive alternative.

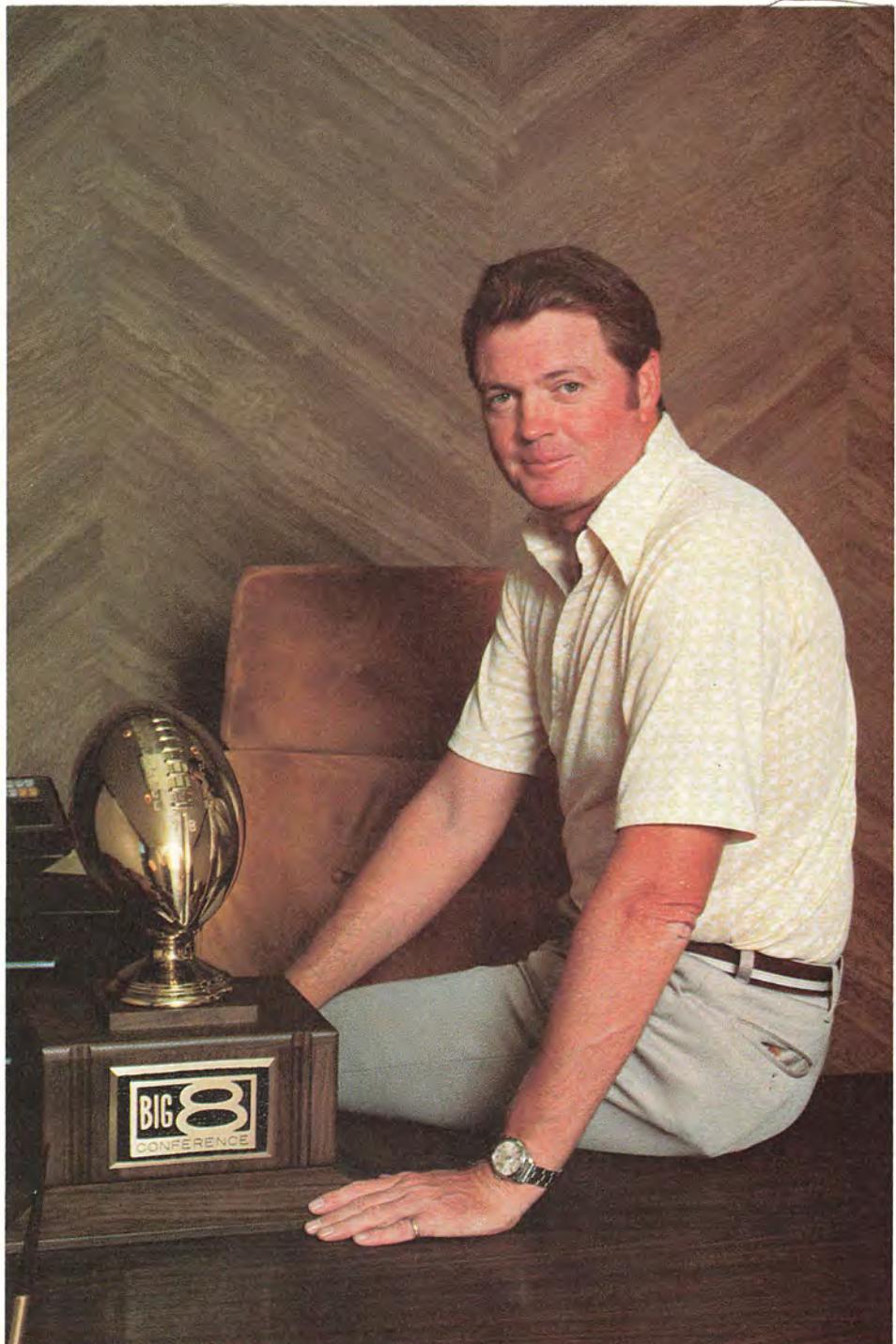
But not after his one-day sojourn to the mountains.

Still, something positive may have come from the job-switch consideration. Before the 1978 football season, Osborne spoke to the Omaha and Lincoln touchdown clubs. He requested the use of private airplanes for recruiting purposes and appealed for summer jobs for his athletes. In each case, he was approached by two or three businessmen after the meetings.

This August the same appeal was made again in Omaha, this time by recruiting coordinator Jerry Pettibone. And after the meeting two club members offered the use of their jets and more than 20 proposed future summer jobs for Nebraska athletes.

Maybe Tom Osborne is beginning to emerge from the enormous shadow created by Bob Devaney after all. And maybe one item that began dispersing that sun-blotting cloud was a quick flight to the mountains.★

The Pride of Cornhuskerland: Osborne displays the hard-earned Big Eight football trophy from atop his desk in the head coach's office.



BIG RED GALLERY

HAWAIIAN PUNCH

The heralded Nebraska defense, known for delivering a hammer-like blow, made this Hawaii running back feel like he'd been caught in a mixmaster. Applying the big crunch are Bruce Dunning (40), Bill Barnett (97), Rod Horn (55), Kerry Weinmaster (51), Lee Kunz (38) and George Andrews (96).

Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne is counting on his defensive unit to develop more quickly this season than the offense and he's said many times he'd rather start with a solid defensive unit than the other way around.

"Defensively, yes, we're the best we've ever been going into a season," says Osborne. →





Pesky Pest from North Platte

by Mike Babcock

"Think Weinmaster is too short? Go ahead and try to block him if he's too small."

— Nebraska Aide Charlie McBride

Kerry Weinmaster enjoys football teams that pass. Then he can chase quarterbacks all over the field. He can pillage and plunder and play with reckless abandon.

On such days, opposing quarterbacks wear him like a jersey. He becomes an irritant to them, as aggravating as shampoo in their eyes or discarded bubblegum on their shoes.

Weinmaster becomes the sound of fingernails scraping across a chalkboard, the smell of spoiled milk. He's a flat tire on a Cadillac offense, the gate crasher at someone's party.

He's the bane of all quarterbacks . . . a pesky middle guard. It's a good feeling, he says.

"Against passing teams, you get the chance to tee off on the guy, get in there and make the sack or hurry his pass and help the secondary pick it off. I rely on my quickness and speed," he says.

"There are some things you have to do (as a middle guard), like keep the center off the linebackers. If you let the center get to them, it screws up the whole defense. But once you've done your job, you can go after the play and run things down from behind."

Weinmaster has been doing such evil things to Nebraska opponents for three seasons now. He goes after quarterbacks and ball carriers like a heat-seeking missile.

Offensive linemen have become so exasperated trying to stop him, they've resorted to grabbing and holding. It's not good blocking technique, but conventional methods don't seem to work.

Nebraska coaches have considered putting tearaway jerseys on him just so he can evade groping linemen. But the expense might be prohibitive. Build a better mousetrap . . . or figure out a way to stop Kerry Weinmaster. The world of the Big Eight will beat a path to your door.

The stocky middle guard, with 4.7 speed for 40 yards, started demolishing offenses for Nebraska when he was a

freshman. He didn't spend a red shirt season, and he didn't waste time on the NU freshman team.

He stepped right into the Cornhusker defense and immediately began harrassing people who didn't wear the same colored jersey. "Coach (Tom) Osborne told me when I was recruited that I would have a good chance to play as a freshman," Weinmaster says.

When current teammate Oudious Lee was hurt, Kerry moved up to the varsity; he's already earned three letters.

Weinmaster's first varsity appearance at Nebraska occurred in the third game of the 1976 season. Late in the first quarter, Texas Christian had driven to a first down at the NU two-yard line, and the Cornhuskers were going into their goal-line defense.

Monte Kiffin, then Nebraska's defensive coordinator, called Weinmaster over and sent him into the game. "Whenever we went to a goal-line defense, we'd go to a second middle guard," says Weinmaster, who regularly joined either Jeff Pullen or Lee up front.

The Huskers held the Horned Frogs for three downs before yielding on that series. Score: TCU 10, Nebraska 7.

"But after that, we started running them all over the field, and I played the whole second half," Weinmaster says. He had a good time, and Nebraska won the game, 64-10. His NU career had begun.

Since then, Weinmaster has missed only one game. During his sophomore season, he twisted an ankle against Missouri and was forced out of the Kansas game the next weekend. "But I played the rest," he says.

His freshman season required lots of study, both in the classroom and on the football field. Weinmaster didn't relax once he made the varsity. His work had just begun. He went after the playbook like it was an opposing quarterback.

"Heck, not that many guys get a chance like I had, so you want to make good," he says. "We had 20 defenses then, and 75 per cent of it was mental. I was trying to prepare for it."

Each of Weinmaster's seasons has

ended in a bowl game. He played in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl — "Jeff Pullen got hurt" — the Liberty Bowl and the Orange Bowl. His fondest memory is of the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tennessee, following the 1977 season.

"That was probably the best bowl game I've played in," says Weinmaster. "We were getting physically abused in the first half, and coach (Tom) Osborne was really mad at halftime.

"But in the second half, we stuck together and won (21-17)," he says. Winning is important to him; so is playing for a team that sticks together. Weinmaster says that personal honors are unimportant, and he means it.

"Our defense is made for the linebackers. If they have a good game and make lots of tackles, I know I did my job, and I'm satisfied," he says.

Last season, Oklahoma's Reggie Kinlaw drew most of the publicity and earned first-team All-Big Eight honors. This fall, attention has shifted to Colorado's Lavel Short and Iowa State's Chris Boskey, who has moved to middle guard after earning Big Eight Newcomer of the Year honors at defensive tackle.

But the best middle guard in the conference might well be rummaging through the offensive backs who visit Memorial Stadium in Lincoln each Saturday.

NU assistant coach Charlie McBride, who handles the defensive line, says: "When it comes right down to a football player, based on attitude, hustle, and knowing what to do, Weinmaster may be the best I've ever coached."

Weinmaster came to Nebraska as a 195-pound middle guard, a position which he has played since he was in the seventh grade. "I never liked offense. For some reason, I've never cared for anything like that," says the former North Platte athlete.

His disdain for offense is evident in his Saturday afternoon assaults. Last season Weinmaster amassed 62 tackles, 44 of which were unassisted and 16 of which

occurred behind the line of scrimmage.

He led Nebraska in tackles for losses, subtracting 85 yards from the opposition's season rushing total, and he had the most tackles of any interior lineman. He was the hub of a swarm which led the Big Eight in rushing defense.

Passing teams were Weinmaster's feast. In the California game, he accounted for 10 tackles and sacked Bear quarterback Rich Campbell three times for 24 yards in losses. Against Kansas State and Dan Manucci, he produced 10 more tackles, six of which came behind the line of scrimmage.

But by his own estimation, his best effort last season came against Iowa State. The Cyclones were 2-0 with Nebraska during Weinmaster's first two years, and the 23-0 victory provided him with some revenge.

Winning in Ames made the satisfaction even greater. "I kinda like playing on opposing fields with the crowd yelling at you and saying you're no good," he says.

Weinmaster hears that a lot because of his size. At 6-0 and 217 pounds, he sometimes gets overlooked, both by people who vote for post-season individual honors and by the players he faces.

Weinmaster is always giving away height and weight. A typical center might stand 6-3 and weigh 250 pounds. But size is no obstacle.

"I like to go against big centers because I'm quicker than they are," says Weinmaster. "They think 'I've got a little guy on me, and I'll kill him.' But really, it's mind over matter. You just have to concentrate; size doesn't mean a thing."

A wrestling background in high school also helps Weinmaster compensate for his lack of height. He finished second (at 167 pounds) in the state as a sophomore, fourth as a junior, and fourth as a senior.

He shakes his head when he recalls his wrestling seasons. Weinmaster says he was constantly sick during his senior year of competition. He was plagued by ear and sinus infections, and his weight dropped to 160 pounds.

"Every other week I'd be sick and couldn't wrestle," he says.

Nebraska football coaches who were recruiting him began to wonder about the sickly 160-pound middle guard prospect from North Platte.

It appeared he might accept a scholarship with the Cornhuskers and then check into Student Health. "They began to think they'd made a mistake," says Weinmaster. "Coach (John) Melton and coach (Cletus)

Fischer still joke about that."

Wrestling gave him respect for leverage, something which is indispensable to a middle guard who is small of stature. "It helps when you're messing around with centers," Weinmaster says. "My strength is probably in my legs. I depend on them more than my arms because I've got to push off and keep my ground."

But don't look for Weinmaster to wrestle around with bigger guys. He doesn't muscle them or try to throw them out of the way; he uses his own kind of finesse, tempered

with plenty of quickness.

"If I was 6-3 and weighed a little more, I'd manhandle somebody, but I can't afford to," he says. "If you spend your time doing that, the play will be over, and you will have just wasted yourself."

Even so, working with weights can help in the tussle with those big guys on the other side of the line, and Weinmaster spent this past summer in Lincoln so he could be close to Nebraska's weight-training facilities.

He hadn't done that before, but "it's



Kerry Weinmaster sheds Oklahoma center Jody Farthing (53) while reading the Sooners' misdirection play off the wishbone.

Mike Hlevyack photo.

probably what every senior does so he'll do a really good job. Besides, there wasn't much going on in North Platte," he says.

Weinmaster's parents, Harold and Doris, will have an easier time getting to Lincoln to watch their son play this season. The family has moved from North Platte to Omaha, and instead of leaving home at 5 a.m., the Weinmasters can wait until mid-morning.

Once they get into Memorial Stadium,

linebackers waiting for them on the other side," he says.

Weinmaster gets some of his on-the-field behavior from George Andrews. Andrews, the Los Angeles Rams' first-round draft choice, roomed with him last season. "George did some reckless things, and it rubbed off on me," he says.

And it's obvious he improvises at times. But whatever the situation, you can figure he'll get the job done. Weinmaster doesn't spend time beating his chest or pounding on lockers before a game. He just goes out

at Wisconsin and was convinced that he could play professional football.

"The pro scouts said he was too short," says McBride. "So I said, 'Okay, don't draft him then, but I guarantee you'll be playing against him someday'."

It happened that Pittsburgh's scout was short, and "he thought Webster was big, so he signed him," McBride says.

Weinmaster has heard the Webster story. He's familiar with the name. "The odds were against him, but he's played in two Super Bowls, and he's one of the best



Weinmaster (51) pedals after Sooner wishbone-master Thomas Lott (6), who appears to be preparing to unleash a rare Oklahoma aerial.

they should have no trouble locating number 51, even though they might not always be able to see him. At times, middle guards find themselves at the bottom of a pile.

"Sometimes, opponents double-team me, and I cause a big pile-up in the middle of the field," says Kerry.

But that's his job; he's not in the game to direct traffic, he's there to clog things up. A pile-up can be just as effective as sacking the quarterback because "backs aren't gonna jump over the pile with those

and gets the job done.

"There's not a lot of 'rah-rah, let's go, let's tear their heads off' on this team," he says. "That's just wasting energy . . . we save it for the game."

When the subject of Weinmaster's size comes up, Charlie McBride points to Mike Webster, center for the world champion Pittsburgh Steelers. Webster stands 6-1 and weighs 250 pounds, large for the man-on-the-street but not so big for a center in the NFL.

McBride coached Webster for four years

centers in professional football," Kerry says.

Think Kerry Weinmaster is too small? Try blocking him sometime. Big Eight linemen have been trying for three years, and the only solution they've found is to grab hold and hang on.

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Alven, Robert, OG	6-0	240	Dallas, Texas
Austin, Jimmy, RB	6-1	205	Miami, Florida
Corbeil, Jim, DB	6-2	197	Oak Park, Illinois
Craig, Roger, RB	6-2	203	Davenport, Iowa
Dhein, Doug, OT/DE	6-6	220	Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin
Herrmann, Doug, FB/LB	6-4	225	Custer, South Dakota
Holman, Craig, FB/DE	6-4	210	Omaha
Jeffries, Jim, DB	6-1	190	Grand Island
Johnson, Randee, QB	6-2	190	Lincoln
Keeler, Mike, T	6-5	250	Omaha
Mason, Nate, QB	6-2	179	Greenville, Texas
Merrell, Jeff, T	6-5	250	Huntsville, Alabama
Owen, Keith, DB	6-0	180	Neosho, Missouri
Rairdon, Scott, T	6-4	240	Mason City, Iowa
Rogan, Dennis, IB/WB	6-0	175	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Schmuecker, Dan, T	6-6	255	Omaha
Steinkuhler, Dean, T	6-3	220	Burr
Seibel, Kevin, LB	6-2	230	Vermillion, South Dakota
Sherlock, John, T	6-3	235	Bellevue
Simmons, Ricky, WB	5-11	160	Greenville, Texas
Sprattle, Tod, TE/DE	6-4	225	Rochester, Minnesota
*Tuck, Mark, T	6-4	235	Matthews, North Carolina
*Waechter, Henry, DT	6-6	250	Epworth, Iowa
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SCOUTING REPORT

Iowa Hawkeyes



It has been 33 long years since neighboring Iowa and Nebraska collided on a football field. But the two teams now will meet each of the next four seasons.

The Hawkeyes will represent the new kid on the block this Saturday in Iowa City, primarily because of the takeover by new coach Hayden Fry.

Fry joins Iowa with a 17-year background as a head coach at Southern Methodist University and North Texas State. The Mean Green won only seven games in the four seasons prior to Fry's arrival in Denton, Texas. But in six years he transformed that program into a 40-23-3 record.

Iowa, however, will represent the stiffest challenge to Fry's reputation as a trouble-shooter. The Iowa City lads have not enjoyed a winning season since 1961.

Bob Cummings was sent packing after a five-year effort resulted in only 17 victories. The Hawkeyes were 2-9 last year.

The Hawkeyes return 10 offensive starters, but were particularly hard hit by graduation on defense. Fry, however, has attempted to fill the chasm with the addition of 10 junior-college transfers.

"If I didn't sincerely believe that Iowa can win in the near future I wouldn't have left a club that was 19-3 the last two years," says Fry. "I know this will be a tough job, but that's been my life."

As for what his attitude might be toward rebuilding the Hawkeyes, Fry says, "When you take over a program that's been down, you have to plow up some snakes and kill 'em."

"I believe in treating a player like a king until he shows me he's a bum. My players will be representatives of this university that people can be proud of."

Iowa is facing the 1979 season with renewed enthusiasm. But the schedule defi-



Hayden Fry has spent 17 years at SMU and North Texas State. But now he faces the ultimate challenge as he attempts to turn around Iowa's downtrodden football fortunes.

nately is not conducive for a program on the mend.

The Nebraska game is sandwiched between another pair of Big Eight toughies, Oklahoma and Iowa State.

Still, there should be quite a bit of hope among the faithful, particularly in view of Fry's track record. He brought his entire coaching staff with him from North Texas State.

OFFENSE

LINE — This seems to be an area of quality, led by Jay Hilgenberg and Sam Palladino. Hilgenberg is a 6-2, 240-pound junior from Iowa State, while Palladino stands 6-3 by 247.

The line returns intact and Fry says, "The potential is there for a fine offensive line."

RECEIVERS — Pre-season guesses were that the Hawkeyes enjoyed an abundance of excellent receivers, including Brad Reid, the leading scorer and most valuable player a year ago.

Mike Brady, top receiver two years ago, and Keith Chapelle, the national junior-college leader with 70 catches last fall, are among the other split receivers.

Tight end ranks as a strong position because of the presence of two-year starter Jim Swift and Jeff Davis.

Fry believes his receiving corps is the strongest part of the team.

QUARTERBACK — Phil Suess was a reserve defensive back and scout-team quarterback for three years before Fry resurrected him as the Hawkeyes' number one quarterback during spring practice.

Suess, a 6-5 lefthander, held onto the job throughout the spring and impressed all in the final scrimmage. He nailed 28 of 45 passes for 378 yards and three touchdowns.

Behind Suess are two veterans, Jeff Green and Pete Gales, and a pair of juco transfers, Tony Ricciardulli and Gordy Bohannan.

RUNNING BACKS — The lone graduation loss on offense was fullback Jon Lazar and, because of experience, the offense stayed well ahead of the defensive unit throughout spring and early fall drills.

Most impressive returnee is tailback Dennis Mosley, who has averaged 5.2 yards per carry during his career. Backing him have been a pair of sophomores, Phil Blatcher and Kenny Burke.

Dean McKillip looms as the top fullback. He's a 206-pound junior.

OVERALL — The offense was a primary problem a year ago, once standing around for 15 straight quarters without scoring a touchdown. So there is plenty of room for improvement. Fry teams, though, have never been dull offensively.

DEFENSE

LINE — This was an especially hard-hit



Much of the Hawkeyes' running attack this fall is being built around tailback Dennis Mosley, one of several high-steppers in Fry's stable.

University of Iowa photo.

area. "We have a lot of new players and we're changing the defensive front from a 4-3 to a 5-2," says Fry. Tackle Mark Mahmens, a 6-1 by 262-pound senior, and noseguard Pat Dean, a 6-2, 230-pound sophomore rank as the best of the Hawks' down linemen. Much depends on how John Harty, an All-Big Ten tackle as a freshman comes back from an injury-plagued sophomore year. The end spots, however, appear to be in relatively stable hands with Jim Molini, Bryan Skradis and Bill Bradley.

LINEBACKER — This has been an area of much concern with Todd Simonsen and Leven Weiss ranking as the best prospects.

SECONDARY — The new staff hopes Iowa's secondary will be the most improved area on the team. Pass coverage has been a major problem the last two seasons.

Veteran cornerbacks are Cedric Shaw and Mario Pace. Mike Jackson, redshirted a year ago, is the strong safety, while Lou King, Bobby Stoops and Jim Frazier are lined up at free safety.

OVERALL — The defense faltered near

the end in '78 and finished at or near the bottom in most Big Ten defensive categories. The Hawkeyes held only two opponents to less than 22 points all year. Only one of the last six scored fewer than 31 points. If Iowa is to show any dramatic improvement in 1979, this is where it will show first.

KICKING

PUNTING — Dave Holsclaw returns after a 36.0-yard average last year. He's being pressed by high school All-America Reggie Roby, who has averaged more than 40 yards on punts.

PLACEMENTS — Scott Schilling handled the placements and kickoffs a year ago, but he too is being pushed by Roby. Schilling was 12 of 13 on extra points and 5 of 8 on field goals a year ago.

SERIES

Nebraska holds a 21-11-3 edge in a series that has not been renewed since 1946. Iowa won four of the last five games before the series ended after World War II.

The Cornhuskers and Hawkeyes play each of the next four seasons on a home-and-home basis.

INJURIES

None for the Hawkeyes, despite playing and losing to Indiana and Oklahoma.

RECORD

Iowa is 0-2, losing to Indiana 30-26 and Oklahoma 21-6. The Hawkeyes blew a 26-3 halftime lead against Indiana, but played near their potential in last Saturday's loss at Norman.

Fry, however, was having none of the back-patting or talk about a moral victory against the Sooners.

"We get our butts kicked and we get complimented," said a disgusted Fry after the OU loss. "If I see one guy smiling, I'm going to bust him in the mouth."

Oklahoma has endured long afternoons in season openers in recent years — and the battle with Iowa was just another like all the others. The Sooners nudged Vanderbilt 25-23 in 1977 and squeaked past Stanford 35-29 last year.

The Sooners needed a pair of touchdowns in the fourth quarter to send the Hawkeyes back to Iowa City as losers. Heisman Trophy winner Billy Sims scored his second touchdown on a 3-yard run and J. C. Watts tallied from the one for the final score.

Mosley was a brightener for Iowa. He scored the team's only touchdown on a 10-yard pass from Suess and gained 79 yards on 22 carries. Suess hit 13 of 19 for 139 aerial yards.

Oklahoma, as usual, encountered quite a few early-season offensive problems. But the Sooners were outstanding defensively. Iowa backs were dropped 12 times for 59 yards in losses.

The Hawkeyes were nearly doubled in first downs 23-12 and were held to a mere 63 yards rushing on 44 carries.

"Our offense didn't show much courage in the second half," said Fry. "We didn't move the football. We let them blitz us. They ran right by us."

Oklahoma linebacker George Cumby was given the game ball by his red-clay country teammates. He had three quarterback sacks for 15 yards in losses.



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	NU	Iowa	FUMBLES/LOST	3/3	7/5
1979 Record to Date	1-0	0-2			
Returning Starters	12	12			
1978 Overall Record	9-3	2-9			
TEAM OFFENSE			PENALTIES/YARDS	5/54	10/93
Rushes attempted	69	80			
Yards gained	463	na			
Yards lost	8	na			
Net yards gained	455	225			
Avg. gain per rush	6.6	2.8			
Touchdowns	4	3			
Passes attempted	12	49			
Passes completed	6	30			
Passes intercepted	1	3			
Percentage	.500	.612			
Total Yards	96	366			
Touchdowns	1	2			
Passes caught	6	30			
Total yards	96	366			
Avg. gain per catch	16.0	12.2			
Touchdowns	1	2			
TEAM DEFENSE			INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE		
Rushes attempted	27	110			
Yards gained	136	na			
Yards lost	20	na			
Net yards gained	116	412			
Avg. gain per rush	4.3	3.7			
Touchdowns	1	na			
Passes attempted	33	46			
Passes completed	18	30			
Passes intercepted	2	3			
Percentage	.545	.652			
Total yards	219	499			
Touchdowns	1	na			
PUNTING			Fumble Recoveries	No.	
Number	2	5	(UI) Pace	2	
Yards	85	96			
Avg.	42.5	19.2			
Longest	49	na	na — not available.		

Melba Toast, Bob Hope And 91,000 Spectators

by Steve Pederson



It was 1941, just another Rose Bowl game, but this game happened to involve Nebraska in what was to be the school's biggest game in its football history until the emergence of Bob Devaney.

You know the final score. The Huskers lost to Stanford 21-13. You have heard about the game action, but let's take a closer look — let's go *Inside Cornhusker Sports*.

The men who will take us inside the 1941 Rose Bowl game are All-Big Six guards George Abel and Eddie Schwartzkopf.

It was Nebraska's first post-season bowl appearance in history. At the time World War II was beginning, the Huskers were declaring war on the Big Six and emerging as a national football power.

After an opening-game loss to Minnesota, Col. Biff Jones and his trenchmen put together an impressive string of eight victories in a row and a trip to the Rose Bowl. These are the same players, mind you, who taped their own ankles, played without face guards, parked city buses along the sidelines to warm up in at breaks during the game, changed from cleats to tennis shoes when the ground froze and wore gloves when the need arose.

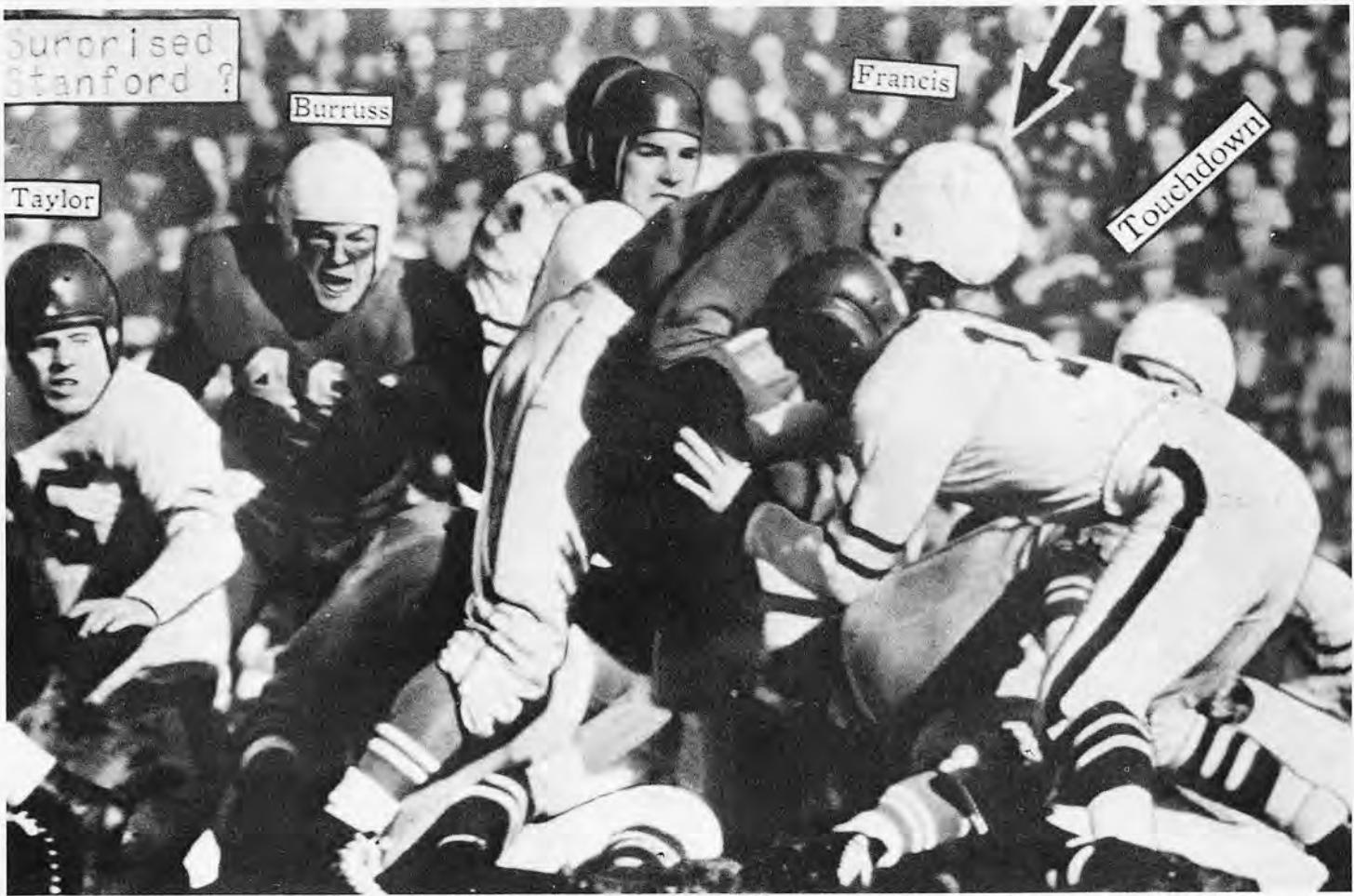
This was the team that crunched one opponent after another on its way to a post-season bowl berth.

The Huskers had just beaten Kansas State 20-0 when assistant coach Roy "Link" Lyman stood up in the locker room and said the team had just received an invitation.

"He asked for all those in favor and all opposed. I remember his cocking his fist as he said 'all opposed' — no one said a word. In those days the scales only went up to 300 pounds, and we knew Link was at least that," laughs Abel.

Soon, bedlam broke loose on the cam-

Edward Schwartzkopf, now a member of the Nebraska board of regents, was an All-Big Six guard on Nebraska's first bowl team, one that lost to Stanford 21-13 in the 1941 Rose Bowl.



Fullback Vike Francis (arrow) plunges two yards for Nebraska's first touchdown. Center Bob Burruss (left) views the action.

pus. It was after the sorority curfew so ladders were hoisted up to the windows and the celebration began. "There was a parade of all the student body to the state Capitol building," remembers Schwartzkopf. "The streets were packed and everyone was up so late the chancellor declared the next day a holiday. I think he had no choice."

Were Nebraska fans as nutty about their team in the 1940s as they are today? "I had Dr. Pool for botany and he was insistent on having class. We all came in grumbling about him being the only one having class when he climbed up on his desk, did three cheers, talked about the Rose Bowl bid, and called off class," notes Schwartzkopf. Abel adds, "The state had nothing else to rally around so they really got behind the football team."

With the celebration ending, the Huskers were loaded onto a train headed for Phoenix, Arizona, to work out for a few days. "The seniors sat in the drawing cars, the juniors in the upper berths and the sophomores in the lower berths. The sophomores had to put on skits and other things to keep us entertained," adds Abel.

Take an entire team of boys from Nebraska, load them on a train headed for

Pasadena, California, and something is bound to happen. "I remember we went into a really nice restaurant to eat and they served us fancy melba toast. One of the guys on the team called the waiter over and said, 'When the bread gets this old in Nebraska, we throw it out.' The waiter just stood there and stared," chuckled Abel.

After a few days in Arizona, the Huskers were loaded on a train headed for Pasadena.

"The train was very conducive to bringing the team close together. We used to have a lot of fun on those train trips," remembers Schwartzkopf.

Abel recalls, "It was a fun trip. Biff wouldn't let us gamble because it might cause some friction within the team. We did have meetings and go over football theory on the train."

Once at the game, the Huskers felt a little overwhelmed. "We were awestruck. We just weren't used to that big of a crowd," adds Abel. The Huskers had a right to be a little awed. They played before 91,000 fans, the largest crowd ever to watch a Nebraska team play.

The game "came down to a few breaks," notes Schwartzkopf. "George even intercepted a pass that might have gone for a

touchdown and eventually made a difference in the game." Abel confesses, "It looked like clear sailing to the goal line until someone caught me by the heels."

Schwartzkopf and six other teammates had been called into the military on December 23 between the final regular-season game and the Rose Bowl. "We got special permission to play in the bowl game, but we went straight to the Guards from the bowl game."

When the game was over, the Huskers held their heads high. "We had a party at the Coconut Grove. Norm Standlee (Stanford fullback) came in on crutches. He said he had never been in a game like that before. Bob Hope was the host for that party," says Abel.

The Cornhuskers were also guests at the MGM movie studios with Nebraskan Robert Taylor as their host.

Schwartzkopf sighs, "It was the greatest thing that had happened in my life. It was a great feeling of accomplishment."

Abel echoes the thoughts of all true Nebraska football fans. "I got really nervous before that game, but I still do today."

It was a great day in Nebraska football history.★

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HUSKER

SCORECARD

Freshman Football

Nebraska's first-year freshman coach Frank Solich measures 5-8 tall and weighs all of 165 pounds. And if the Husker frosh are as tough and hard-nosed as Solich was when he was a Husker fullback from 1963 through 1965, Nebraska's freshman football team just may be world-beaters.

Even though opponents may have been fooled by Solich's size during his playing days, he says Huskers' opponents in '79 will not be making the same mistake regarding the NU frosh's size and speed.

"I don't think there's been a freshman team here with this size," he says. "And the speed is very good at running back, wing-back and quarterback."

Nebraska opened at Wyoming, but will return to Memorial Stadium September 24 to battle Bethany College.

The rest of the 1979 schedule: October 12 — Kansas; November 2 — at Missouri, and 9 — at Kansas State.

Men's Cross Country

On September 22, Nebraska's cross-country team will travel to Iowa State for a dual encounter which will begin the 25th season for Husker track coach Frank Sevigne.

The Cornhuskers return four lettermen from last year's eighth-place team. Sevigne looks for improvement this season with junior Brian Dunnigan and senior Scott Poehling carrying the load.

The 1979 cross-country schedule: September 22 — at Iowa State; 29 — at Kansas State; October 6 — Missouri; 13 — Drake; 20 — South Dakota; 27 — at Big Eight (Stillwater, Okla.).

Women's Volleyball

Nebraska's volleyball team began seeking its fourth straight conference title in 1979 when the Husker women opened the season with a home encounter against Kansas State and Iowa State on September 8.

In 1978, along with the league crown, head coach Terry Pettit's squad won the Region VI championship and finished 17th in the country. Pettit feels that this campaign could be even more successful for the Huskers as NU returns nine letter winners, while losing only two performers from last year.

The rest of the 1979 women's volleyball schedule: September 21 — at Kearney; 22 — Northern Colorado at Ogallala; 26 — at Kansas State with Wichita State; 28-29 — Husker Invitational; October 3 — at Wichita State with Kansas; 12-13 — at Windy City Invitational; 19-20 — at Southwest Missouri Invitational; 26-27 — at Big Eight (Stillwater, Okla.); November 2-3 — at National Women's Invitational; 10 — Mo. W. St.; 15-17 — AIAW Region VI; December 5-8 — AIAW Nationals.

Women's Cross Country

After losing her top three runners from last year, head coach Carol Frost's women's cross country team will be rebuilding in 1979.

Frost will have only one senior on her team this year, Cindy Vickers, from Farnam, Nebraska, along with two juniors, three sophomores and one freshman.

Nebraska's first home meet is October 13, the Husker Invitational.

The rest of the 1979 women's cross-country schedule: September 22 — at Kansas Invitational; 13 — Husker Invitational; 27 — Big Eight; November 2 — at Regionals (Ames, Iowa); 17 — at Nationals (Gainesville, Florida).

— Bill Bennett



Frank Solich was a fiery competitor as a fullback in the mid-60s. And now he's bringing that same ferocity to the Cornhuskers' freshman football team. At left, Solich is explaining technique to a youthful prospect during the summer football school.



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1979 Football Schedule

DATE	NEBRASKA	IOWA STATE	KANSAS	KANSAS STATE
Sept. 8				
Sept. 15	UTAH STATE 35-14	BOWLING GREEN 38-10	at Pittsburgh 0-24	at Auburn 18-26
Sept. 22	at Iowa	at Texas	at Michigan	OREGON STATE
Sept. 29	PENN STATE	at Iowa	NORTH TEXAS STATE	at Air Force
Oct. 6	NEW MEXICO STATE	UNIV. OF THE PACIFIC	SYRACUSE	TULSA
Oct. 13	KANSAS	at Kansas State	at Nebraska	IOWA STATE
Oct. 20	at Oklahoma State	KANSAS	at Iowa State	OKLAHOMA
Oct. 27	COLORADO	at Oklahoma	OKLAHOMA STATE	at Missouri
Nov. 3	at Missouri	COLORADO	KANSAS STATE	at Kansas
Nov. 10	at Kansas State	MISSOURI	at Oklahoma	NEBRASKA
Nov. 17	IAWA STATE	at Nebraska	COLORADO	at Oklahoma State
Nov. 24	at Oklahoma	OKLAHOMA STATE	MISSOURI	at Colorado

DATE	MISSOURI	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA	OKLAHOMA STATE
Sept. 8	SAN DIEGO STATE 45-15	OREGON 19-33		NORTH TEXAS STATE 25-7
Sept. 15	at Illinois 14-6	LOUISIANA STATE 0-44	IOWA 21-6	WICHITA STATE 16-6
Sept. 22	at Mississippi	DRAKE	TULSA	Arkansas at Little Rock
Sept. 29	TEXAS	at Indiana	at Rice	
Oct. 6		at Oklahoma	COLORADO	at South Carolina
Oct. 13	OKLAHOMA STATE		Texas at Dallas	at Missouri
Oct. 20	at Colorado	MISSOURI	at Kansas State	NEBRASKA
Oct. 27	KANSAS STATE	at Nebraska	IOWA STATE	at Kansas
Nov. 3	NEBRASKA	at Iowa State	at Oklahoma State	OKLAHOMA
Nov. 10	at Iowa State	OKLAHOMA STATE	KANSAS	at Colorado
Nov. 17	OKLAHOMA	at Kansas	at Missouri	KANSAS STATE
Nov. 24	at Kansas	KANSAS STATE	NEBRASKA	at Iowa State

FINAL 1978 BIG EIGHT STANDINGS

	Conference	Overall
Oklahoma	6-1	11- 1
Nebraska	6-1	9- 3
Iowa State	4-3	8- 4
Missouri	4-3	8- 4
Kansas State	3-4	4- 7
Oklahoma State	3-4	3- 8
Colorado	2-5	6- 5
Kansas	0-7	1-10

Orange Blossom Special

Through the first two weeks — for some teams — easily the most surprising happening has been at Colorado, where new coach Chuck Fairbanks' Buffaloes were stunned 33-19 in their opener against Oregon and humiliated last week by LSU 44-0. Reigning champion Oklahoma, 21-6 victor over Iowa, and contender Missouri, 14-6 winner over Illinois, also experienced less-than-overwhelming outings last week.

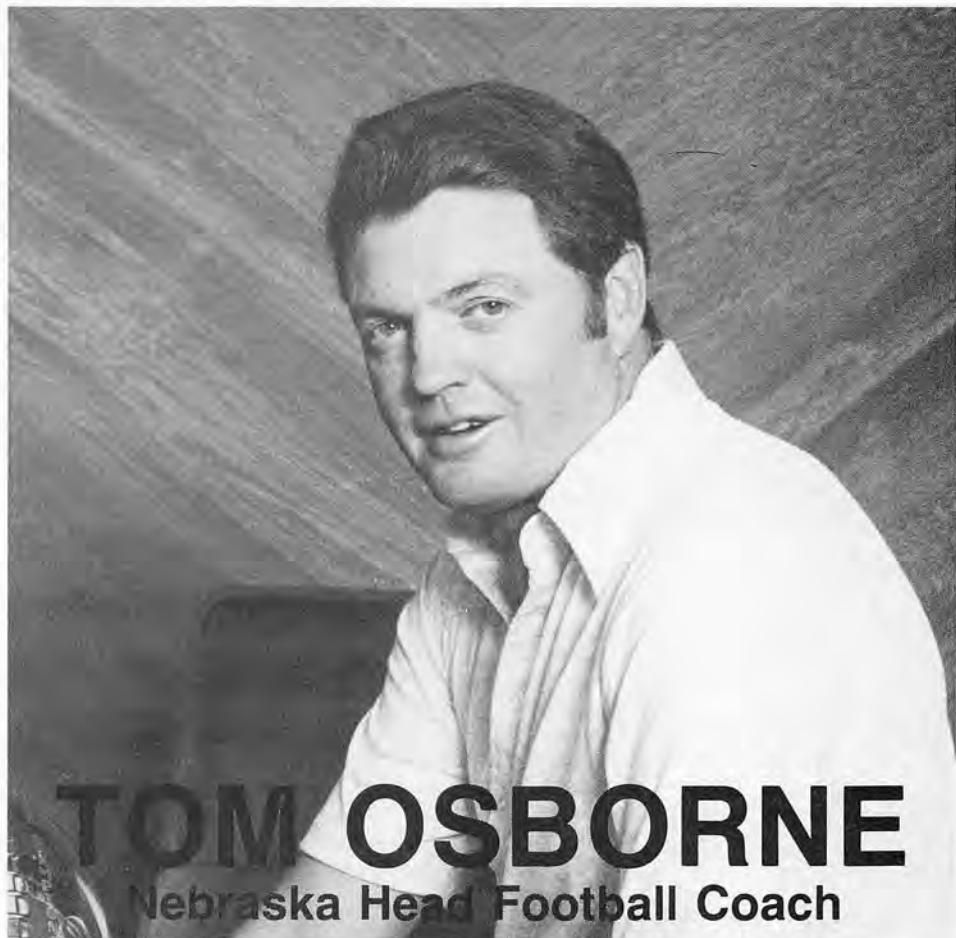
NEBRASKA

Throughout the Big Eight and the nation, the University of Nebraska is synonymous with "championship football."

Under head coach Tom Osborne, who is enjoying his seventh season as the Huskers' mentor, Nebraska has won two Big Eight titles (1975 and 1978), participated in six bowl games (1974 Cotton, 1974 Sugar, 1975 Fiesta, 1976 Astro-Bluebonnet, 1977 Liberty and 1979 Orange), appeared on national television at least twice a year in the last six seasons and been ranked in the country's top 10 during Osborne's entire reign.

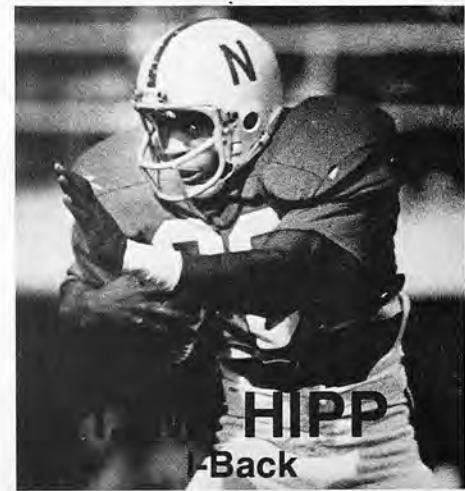
Nebraska's tradition easily compares to the greatness of the 1970s. Under Bob Devaney, former NU head coach (1962-72) and current athletic director, the Huskers won two national championships (1970-71) and eight conference crowns (1963-66, 1969-72). Under Devaney, they were ranked in the nation's top 10 seven times and played in nine bowl games, including three consecutive Orange Bowl contests (1971-73).

The University of Nebraska definitely means "championship football."



Tom Osborne

Nebraska Head Football Coach



Home Games in Bold.

1979-80 NU BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Saturday	November 24	WINDSOR, ONT.
Friday	November 30	SOUTH DAKOTA ST.
Saturday	December 1	PORTLAND STATE
Monday	December 3	EASTERN WASHINGTON
Saturday	December 8	CREIGHTON
Tuesday	December 11	at Purdue
Thursday	December 13	CAL-BAKERSFIELD
Saturday	December 15	at Minnesota
Saturday	December 22	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM
Thursday-Sunday	December 27-30	at Hawaii Classic (Hawaii, Nebraska, Army, Illinois, Louisville, Nevada-Reno, Princeton, Wisconsin)
Wednesday	January 2	at Idaho
Friday	January 4	WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH
Saturday	January 5	ANGELO STATE
Wednesday	January 9	at Iowa State
Saturday	January 12	MISSOURI
Wednesday	January 16	KANSAS
Saturday	January 19	at Colorado
Wednesday	January 23	OKLAHOMA STATE
Saturday	January 26	at Kansas State
Wednesday	January 30	OKLAHOMA
Saturday	February 2	at Missouri
Tuesday	February 5	at Kansas
Saturday	February 9	IOWA STATE
Wednesday	February 13	at Oklahoma State
Saturday	February 16	COLORADO
Wednesday	February 20	KANSAS STATE
Saturday	February 23	at Oklahoma
Tuesday	February 26	First Round — Big 8 Postseason Playoff (Campus Sites)
Friday	February 29	Semifinals — at Big 8 Postseason Playoff (Kansas City)
Saturday	March 1	Final — at Big 8 Postseason Playoff (Kansas City)
Thursday	March 6	First Round — NCAA in Lincoln
Saturday	March 8	Second Round — NCAA in Lincoln

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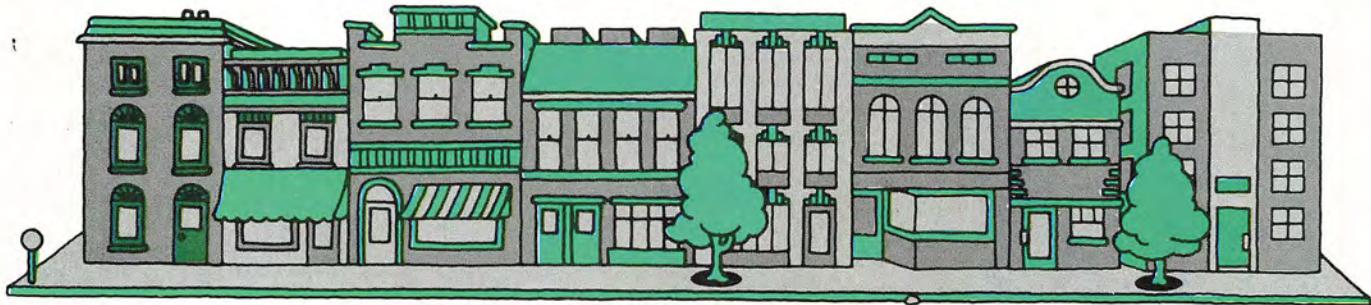
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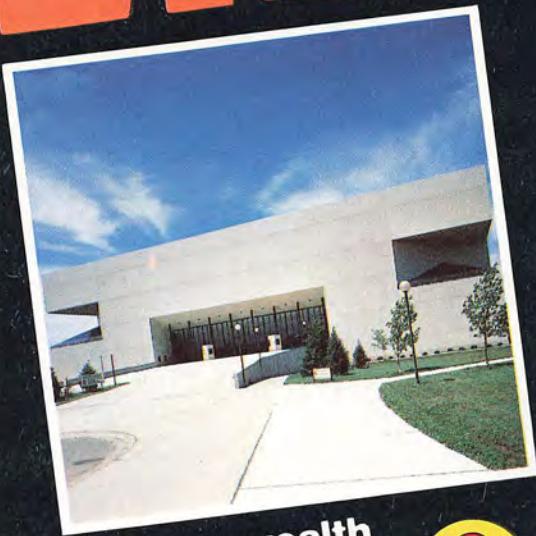
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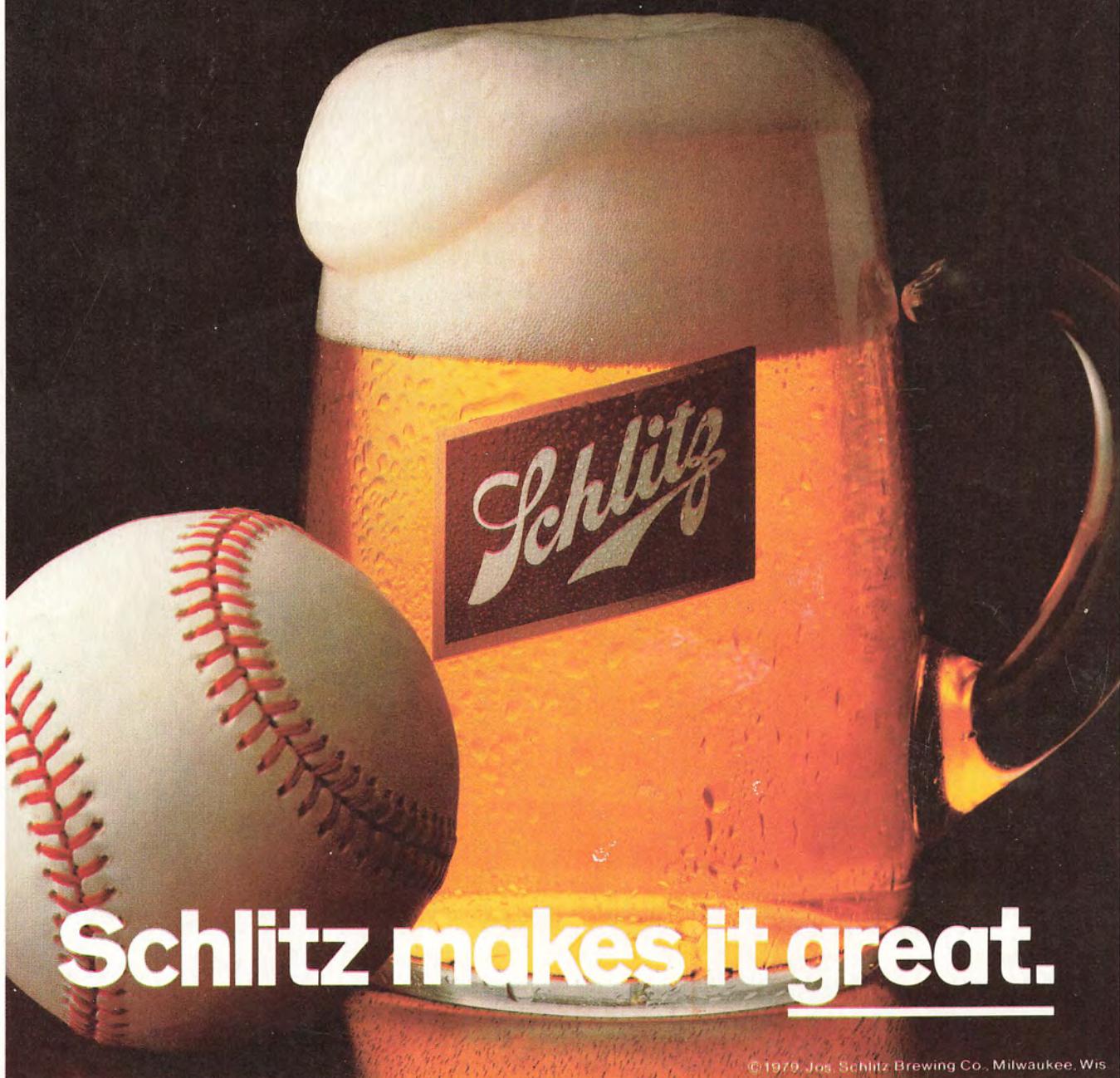
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